National Youth Policy

1931. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Youth Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The National Youth Policy 2003 was laid on the table in both Houses of Parliament during the month of December, 2003. There is no proposal at present to formulate another policy.

(b) The National Youth Policy 2003 reiterates the commitment of the nation to the composite and all round development of youth and to establish an all India perspective to fulfill their legitimate aspirations.

The policy defines youth as persons in the age group of 13 to 35 years.

The Policy lays stress on Youth Empowerment, Gender Justice, Inter-Sectoral Approach, and Information and Research Network.

The policy accords priority to rural and tribal youth, out-of-school youth, adolescents, particularly female adolescents, youth with disabilities and youth under specially difficult circumstances like victims of trafficking, orphans and street children.

Preparations for commonwealth games

1932. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any fast track decision making mechanism and freedom to bring in foreign expertise to speed up preparations for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of each project?